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**Response to Notice of Incomplete Reply
(Non-Provisional) for Notice to File Missing Parts**

This is responsive to the Notice of Incomplete Reply (Non-Provisional) mailed July 20, 2005 ("Notice") for the present case. A copy of the Notice is enclosed.

In accordance with the Notice, enclosed is a copy of the required Declaration from the original priority filing, U.S. Application Serial No. 09/920,476 filed August 1, 2001, which claims foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of Italian Application No. V12000A000176, filed August 8, 2000. The Declaration has been duly executed by all inventors, Mossimo Losio, Thomas Overthun, and Christopher Cowart.

For the present application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the additional surcharge fee of \$65.00 as a non-small entity from Deposit Account No. 16-0605. Applicants believe no other fees are due in connection with this submission. If any fees are

owed, the Commissioner may charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0605. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for fee charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,



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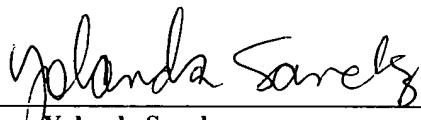
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